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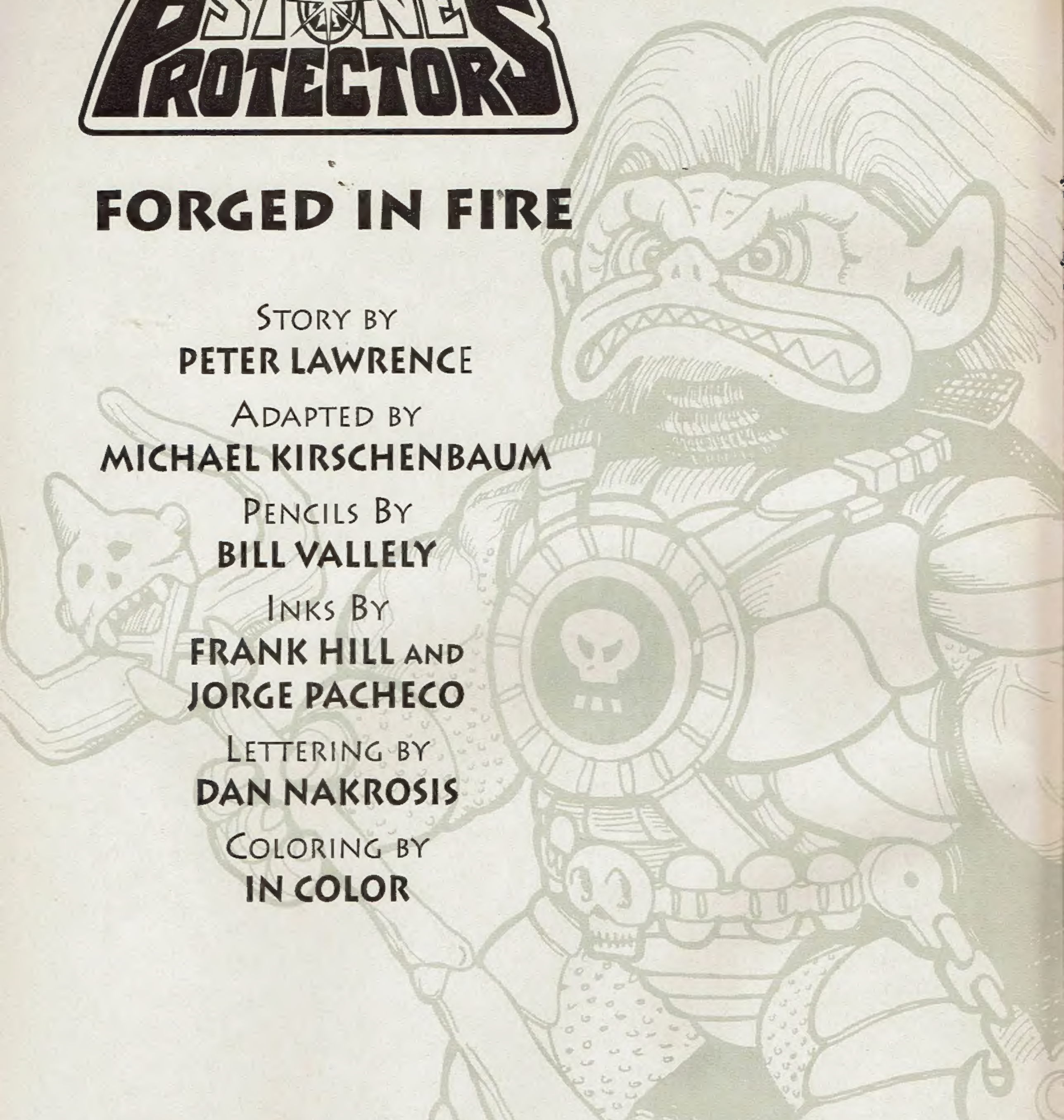

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GREETINGS, STONE PROTECTORS. YOU'VE COME TO MYTHRANDIR JUST IN TIME... TO DIE!

HEH! HEH! HEH!

EGREGIOUS, MAN! EGREGIOUS!

IN A DIMENSION TWO RIGHT ANGLES FROM OUR OWN, RESIDES THE PLANET MYTHRANDIR.

AND ON THE ANCIENT PLANET, SURROUNDED BY CRYSTAL CITY, STANDS THE AWESOME CRYSTAL PALACE, A MONUMENT TO MYTHRANDIR'S BEAUTY AND PEACE... UNTIL NOW!

BECAUSE AT THIS MOMENT, AN ERUPTION UNSEEN ON MYTHRANDIR FOR A THOUSAND YEARS, TAKES PLACE.

KA-BLAMM

AND, LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE, THE GROUND CRACKS OPEN TO EXPOSE MYTHRANDIR'S EVIL UNDERBELLY! AND BRINGS FORTH THE MONSTROUS...

KKKRCCKK

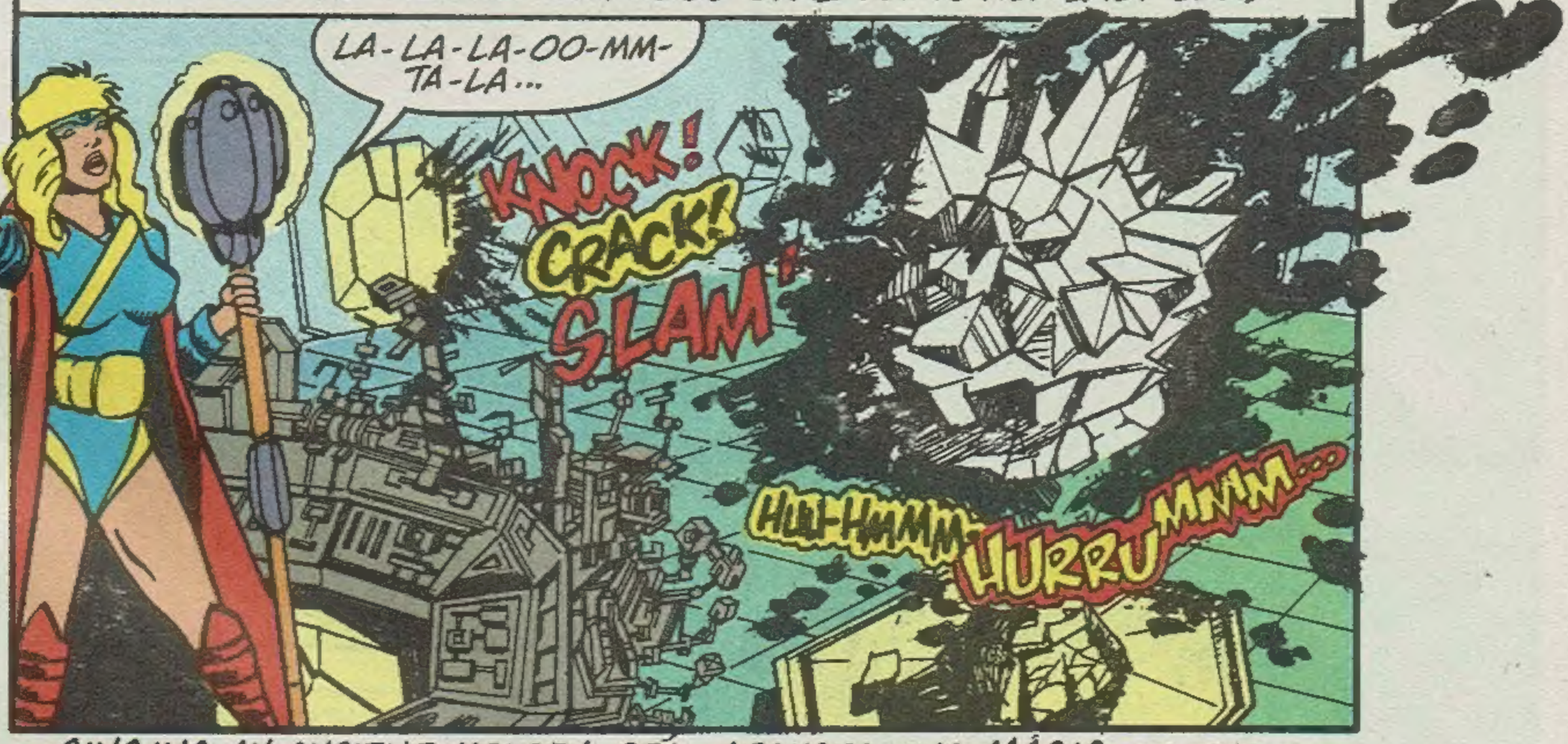
„ZOK!

AND HIS BRUTAL HENCHMAN...ZINC!

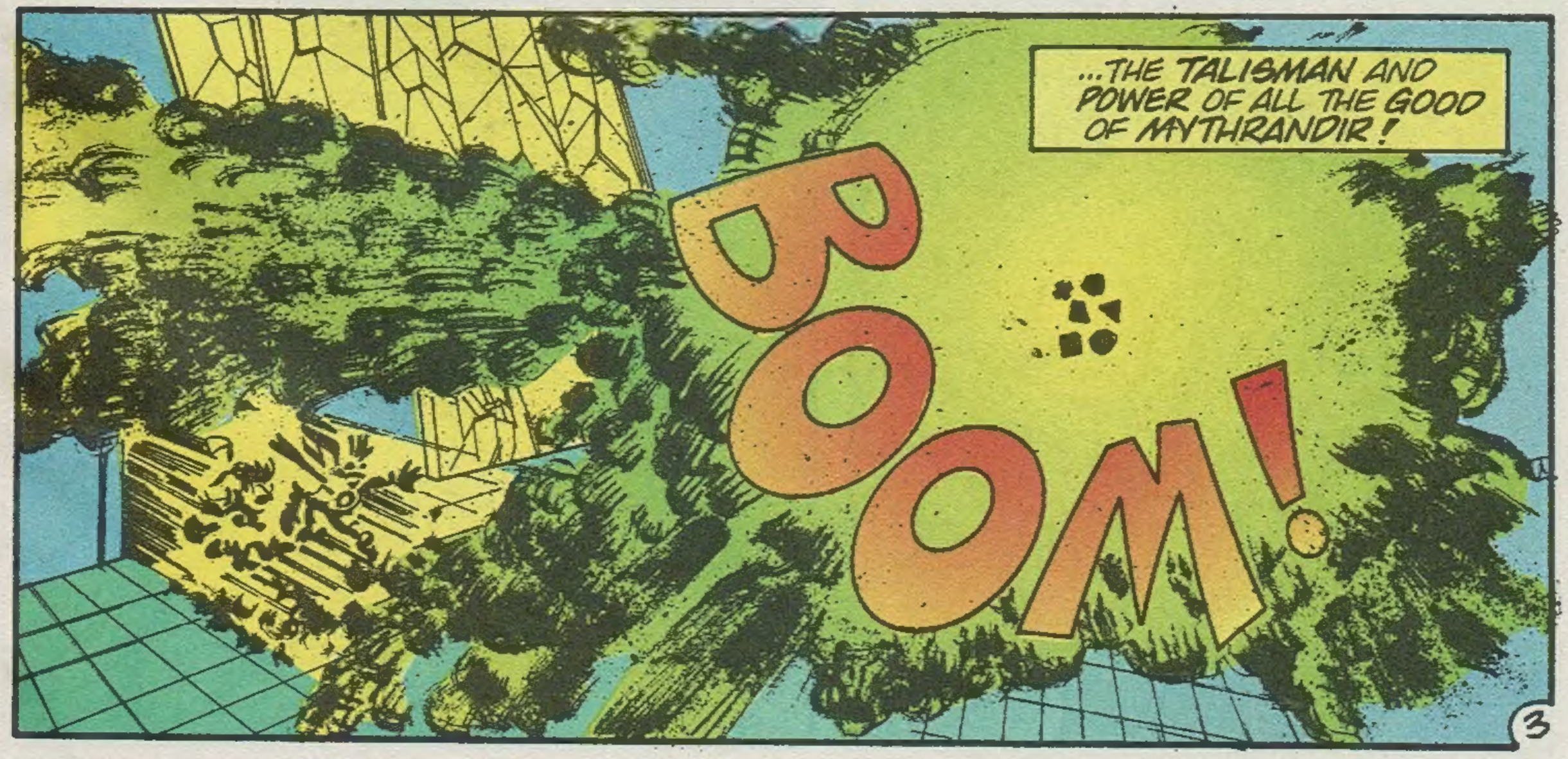
WHILE ZOK'S BRUTAL SAURIAN ARMY SACKS THE CITY...

...ZOK AND HIS UNDERLING, THE CRUEL ZINC, BREAK DOWN THE DOOR TO THE CRYSTAL PALACE'S GREAT HALL...

...WHERE THE CITY'S BELOVED EMPRESS OPAL PLAYS HER LAST CARD.



SINGING AN ANCIENT MELODY, OPAL AROUSES THE MAGIC OF THE GREAT CRYSTAL...



AND THE CRYSTAL TRANSFORMS ITSELF INTO SIX BEAUTIFUL GEMSTONES, EACH THE SOURCE OF GREAT POWER!

HMMMMMMMMUMMMMMMMH

GO! FLY! FLY! FIND THE STONE PROTECTORS!

HEARING THEIR MISSION, THE STONES ESCAPE UPWARD...ALL BUT ONE!

GOT YOU, MY BLACK BEAUTY!

GOOD LUCK! OUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT!

HMMMMMMUHHMMMMMMM

AT INCREDIBLE SPEED, THE HARMONIOUS GEMSTONES LEAVE MYTHRANDIR FURTHER AND FURTHER BEHIND.

HUMMUHUUMMMMUMMHUM

AS IF BY MAGIC, A PORTAL OPENS FOR THE GEMS, AND THEY ENTER AN ALIEN DIMENSION.

HUMMMMHHHMMMM

AN ALIEN DIMENSION FOR THE GEMSTONES... BUT NOT FOR US!"

BAIL BOND

THAT IS THE WORST MUSIC I'VE EVER HEARD!

WHAA

WHAM!

WHANG!

Ta-Ta-Ta-Ta Dom-pap!

Bo wong!

TA-PA-TA TAP-A-TAA!

TA-

WHANG WHANG!

BMM MM!

A BAND, SHORT ON TALENT AND LONG ON NERVE, FINISHES ITS SONG.

HEY, MAN! DO YOU LOVE US? DO YOU WANT MORE?

I'LL TAKE THAT AS A YES!

SPA-LATT!

BOOOOOO

THE GEMSTONES, NOT KNOWING THEIR DESTINY LIES ON EARTH, SPEED ON A PATH AWAY FROM THE PLANET.

HUMMMMMMM

MY SKIN AMAZES ME! SO SOFT TO THE TOUCH!

LADS! WE BEST GET IN SYNC! E FLAT MAJOR!

WHILE WE GET SET FOR THE NEXT NUMBER, LET ME INTRODUCE THE BAND!

HUMMMMM!

THAT'S MAXX ON LEAD GUITAR...

...ANGUS ON KEYBOARDS...

...CHESTER ON BASS AND SAX!

CLIFF ON DRUMS, AND LEADER AND =ahem!= GOLDEN VOICE--ME, CORNELIUS!

HMMMMUHHMM HMMMUHHMM

BOOOOOOOOOOO!

MEANWHILE, IN THE DISTANT SKY...

HUMMUHHMMMMM!

HEARING THEIR SISTER SOUND, THE GEMS ALTER COURSE...

HUMMMMUHHMMMMMM...

HUMMMMUHHMMMMMM...

...TO FIND A MEMORY SLEEPING DEEP INSIDE THEM!

LEAVING A FLASHING WAKE BEHIND, THE STONES STREAK THROUGH THE STREETS...

HUMMMMMMMMMM

AND WITH A GREAT CRASH BATTER THROUGH THE BRICK WALL...

CRASH!

HUMMMMMMMMM

PAH-PAH-PAH-

I FINK SOMEONE'S MESSIN' WIV' OUR 'EADS!

EXIT

NOT JUST OUR HEADS! TAKE A LOOK AT *US*, GUYS...

...WE'VE ALL CHANGED!

OUTRAGEOUS!

WHZZZZZ

OOOOH! MY STOMACH!

LIKE MAGIC, THE LITTLE BAND SHELL IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE INTERGALACTIC FIGHTING SHIP, THE ROLLING STONE!

SAY GOODBYE TO EARTH! AND DO IT QUICK 'CAUSE WE'RE MOVIN' ALMOST AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US? AND WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

CRYSTAL CITY... NOW DARKENED UNDER THE REIGN OF THE EVIL ZOK!

AND THE THRONE ROOM ...NOW THE CRATER OF A BOTTOMLESS PIT!

TELL ME, MY DEAR, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY THRONE ROOM?

ABOUT THE SAME AS I THINK OF YOU ZOK...LESS THAN NOTHING!

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT!

THOUGH I AM ONLY LEFT WITH THE POWER OF THE ONYX, BE-WARE OF WHAT IT CAN DO!

RRRRRRRR

WITH MY LAVA MONSTER, I CAN BE PATIENT TILL THE GREAT CRYSTAL IS RE-ASSEMBLED!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE ROLLING STONE ENTERS THE MYTHRANDIRIAN DIMENSION...

WHEZZZZZZ

LOOK! A SODA DISPENSER!

WHERE?

RIGHT NEXT TO THE MATTER ANTI-MATTER REACTOR!

COOL!

...AND MOVES HEADLONG TOWARD THE PLANET!

WELL, MAXX! YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE WE TRANSFORMED!

ARE YOU GETTING THE HANG OF THE CONTROLS, CLIFF?

YEAH! BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE, CORNELIUS, THIS SHIP IS HEADING SOMEWHERE ON ITS OWN!

AUDACIOUS!

LAST CHANCE! TELL ME, EMPRESS, HOW DO I REASSEMBLE THE STONES AND MAKE YOUR BELOVED PLANET A VOLCANIC DESERT?

NEVER! NO MATTER WHAT!

THEN YOUR NIGHTMARE HAS JUST BEG--

CRASH!

WHAT'S THAT?!

KRK RKRK RKR

THE STONE PROTECTORS!

VOLCANO MONSTER! GET THAT FLYING BUG!

SWISSSS

NOW THAT'S A TOUGH AUDIENCE! CLIFF, GET US OUT OF HERE!

WAIT, LOOK OVER THERE!

YOU PINHEAD! WHY ARE YOU STOPPING?!

SCREECH!!

LOOK! BABE ALERT!

GRRRR!

WOW! UPGRADED TO A SUPER DOUBLE BABE ALERT!

CLIFF, YOU IMBECILE! LOOK!

CLOSE! TOO CLOSE!

WOOOOOSH

LOSING CONTROL!

WHIZZ

WE'RE GOING RIGHT AT IT!

QQUUEEEEEEQUEEEEEEEEQUEEEEEEK!

THE TWO FORCES COLLIDE WITH A THUNDEROUS SOUND...

...AND THE ROLLING STONE STICKS LIKE GLUE TO THE MONSTER!

TINKLE TINKLE

STAY! AS A MATTER OF FACT, FREEZE!

URRRGH!

SSSSSSSSSSSSS!

HA! HA! YOUR GREAT STONE PROTECTORS! FROZEN FOREVER!

NOW, TELL ME HOW TO COLLECT THE GEMSTONES!

NEVER! I'D DIE FIRST!

THERE ARE THINGS FAR WORSE THAN DEATH! ZINC, IT'S TIME FOR...

OH, NO!

YES, THE PERSUADER!

THINGS LOOKED BETTER FOR US WITH THE LIGHTS OFF!

YOU'RE RIGHT! LOOK AT MY HAIR!

THIS THING'S GOT TO HAVE A LIGHT SOMEWHERE, DON'T IT?

CLICK!

WE'RE STUCK! I CAN'T BELIEVE AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED, IT ENDS NOW, ...LIKE THIS!

AND ALL THIS GREAT STUFF WE'RE NEVER GONNA USE!!

AND I WISH WE COULDA HELPED THE BABE!

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BUT AT LEAST WE CAN *PLAY!!* LET'S GO OUT WITH A BANG!

YEAH!!

A-ONE, A-TWO... A-ONE, TWO, THREE...

THE SECRET OF THE GREAT CRYSTAL, EMPRESS, OR...

...A NASTY, NASTY TOOTHACHE!

NOOOOOOO!

WHA-UMMMMM!

BAM! BAM!

WHA-UMMMMM!

KA-BOOM!!

JUST HOLD ON! I'LL BE BACK!!

TAKE YOUR TIME!

DO WE PLAY EXPLOSIVE MUSIC OR WOT?

THE EAGLE... THAT'S ME... HAS LANDED!

GUARDS! GUARDS!

UHHHHHH!

Ka-pong!

Ka-pong!

SWIWWWWCH!

STICK THIS IN YOUR PIPE AND SMOKE IT, MUSH!

AUYUUGGGH!

BOOOM!

BOOOM!

UHHHHNNNNHHH!

UHHHHNNNNHHH!

TIME FOR MY SOLO!

NOT ONLY DOES CORNELIUS SLICE UP THE LASERS, BUT ACTUALLY **AIMS** THEIR RICOCHETS...

UHHH

KA-PONG

UHHHH!

KA-PONG

UHHHH

KA-PONG!

PONG!

...AT THE SAURIAN GUARDS!

Ping!

Ping

UNSEEN, ZOK CREEPS FOWARD...

HEY, BABE, NEED HELP TO--

BABE??!! GET THESE CHAINS OFF ME AND I'LL GIVE *YOU* "BABE", YOU BRAIN-DRAINED ...DRUMMER!

GOT IT!!

BACK AS ONE! BIGGER THAN EVER!

KRAK BACK! BOOM!

ROOOAAAR!

THESE LAVA-FOR-BRAINS ARE AWFUL TICKED OFF! CONSIDERING THEY NEVER HEARD US PLAY!

A LITTLE ENGLISH'LL SNOOKER THESE BLOKES!

KLAP BOOM!

THIS SOME KIND OF HALLUCINATION, BABE?

CALL ME BABE ONE MORE TIME AND I'LL TIE YOUR LIPS IN A BOW. AND, NO, IT'S NOT A HALLUCINATION!

A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, ZOK INVADED MYTHRANDIR AND WE WERE SAVED BY THE *STONE PROTECTORS*.

THE LEGEND SAYS THAT WHEN *ZOK* RETURNS SO WILL THE STONE PROTECTORS!

(GULP!) THAT'S *US*?

HEY! NOT THE HAIR!

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

HA! HA!

NOT THE HAIR!

HAIR-AIR-AIR-AIR-AIR-AI

WELL, I CERTAINLY HAVE THE "PROJECTING YOUR VOICE" PART OF SINGING DOWN COLD!

ROOOARR!

THIS ONE'S MINE!

ZIP! ZIP! ZIP! ZIP! ZIP! ZIP! ZIP! ZIP!

GO, MAX, GO!! GIVE 'EM A TASTE OF THE STONE PROTECTORS!

UNDULATING!

BYE, BYE, LITTLE FELLA!

SCREEEEEEEEECH!

UHHHH!

LET US BE GONE, GUYS!

STOP THEM!!

SORRY, BOYS! BUT THE STONE PROTECTORS HAVE LEFT THE BUILDING-ING-ING-ING-ING!!!

ING-ING-ING!!!

GET US OUT OF HERE!

WE SAVED YOU, ALL RIGHT! SO, HOW ABOUT SENDING US HOME?

NO CAN DO! NOT UNTIL WE RESTORE THE GREAT CRYSTAL!

TILL THEN, I'M STUCK WITH A POINTY-EARED PRUNEFACE?

AND WE GOT TO PLAY THIS GIG UNTIL WE GET THE ONYX?

YES, OR UNLESS ZOK GETS THE OTHER STONES.

BUT THEY'RE PART OF US NOW!

I'M AFRAID SO!

GRUESOME!

THEN WE *REALLY* HAVE BECOME THE *STONE PROTECTORS!* ONE ROCK 'N' ROLLIN' HARD FIGHTING OUTER SPACE KINDA BAND!

AND I GUESS YOU'RE SORTA OUR MANAGER!

I GUESS SO!

WHILE FAR BELOW THEM...

NO *SLEEP* FOR ANYONE! NO *PEACE* FOR ANYONE! NOT UNTIL THE *GEMSTONES* AND *MYTHRANDIR* ARE *MINE!!*

THE END!

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